

AWARDS IN SIXTEENTH STREET EXTENSION

Court Approves Work of Jury of Condemnation.

NO APPEAL TO BE TAKEN

District Commissioners, Through Counsel, Announce Their Decision—Damages Amount to Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars.

Mr. Justice Hagner, holding the District Court, yesterday morning signed the order finally confirming the verdict and award of the jury in the Sixteenth Street extension case.

The Commissioners through their counsel, City Solicitor Andrew B. Duvall, have announced that they will not take an appeal from this order.

Late in Signing.

Although the court delivered its opinion nearly three weeks ago, the order was not signed until yesterday morning because the attorneys interested had not come to an agreement as to the form and phraseology of the order. The practice heretofore followed in these street extension cases has been for the court to sign an order nisi, and at the expiration of the time named in said order to then pass an order finally confirming the verdict.

The law in the Sixteenth Street case was somewhat different from that in the other proceedings. This law required that when the District Commissioners first filed the petition in this case on August 20, 1900, that the order should be published

ed notifying all persons interested to take notice of the proceedings.

The law also provided that all persons who were dissatisfied with the verdict and award of the jury should file their exceptions to said verdict within thirty days of the date when the jury returned its verdict. The jury returned its verdict on May 27 last, and a number of property owners excepted to the same within the thirty days, and the District Commissioners also excepted to the verdict within the same time.

The law also contained a provision to the effect that if the amount assessed as damages against the property involved did not equal at least fifty per cent of the amount awarded as damages, that the District Commissioners might in their discretion reject the award, in which case all the proceedings would be null and void.

Jury Files Verdict.

The jury filed its verdict and award on May 27, 1901, and the amount assessed as damages, \$729,952.29, was about seven times the amount awarded as benefits, \$108,834.75. Owing to the disparity between these amounts the Commissioners were undecided for some time as to whether they should exercise the discretion delegated to them by Congress and reject the verdict.

A number of attorneys representing property owners were granted a hearing by the Commissioners last summer, at which time they advocated the acceptance of the verdict and pointed out to the Commissioners that they would not be likely to get as favorable a verdict at any future time.

The amount involved, however, was so large that the Commissioners did not desire to decide the question until Congress convened, and they could have an opportunity of conferring with the House and Senate Committees on the District of Columbia.

With this understanding the matter was permitted to rest several months. About this time former Judge Charles C. Cole and Attorney R. Golden Donaldson, R. F. Leighton, Chaplain Brown and John R. O'Connell prepared an able and exhaustive

brief upon the subject, in which they fully discussed the law and facts and pointed out what the effect would be if the verdict of the jury was rejected by the Commissioners.

Subsequently they appeared before the two committees of Congress. The Senate committee authorized the Commissioners to accept the award and the House committee declined to express an opinion either way.

Motions to Confirm.

They then filed motions in court to confirm the verdict and award of the jury, and the court set aside March 21 as the day upon which it would dispose of the matter upon the exceptions of the District of Columbia and the property owners and the motion to confirm the verdict. After considering the matter on April 1 the court overruled the exceptions filed by the land owners, as well as those filed by the District of Columbia, and stated that it would sign an order confirming the verdict as a whole.

The attorneys for the District and those for the property owners were unable to agree as to the form of the order. The attorneys for the District of Columbia contended that it should be only a verdict nisi, a conditional order, which is only a preliminary confirmation, requiring a subsequent award. The attorneys for the owners contended, however, that the award should be a final one.

Matter Disposed Of.

The matter was finally disposed of by the court yesterday morning, when it sent for Mr. A. B. Duvall, the City Solicitor, and Mr. R. Golden Donaldson, on behalf of the owners, and passed an order, as stated, finally confirming the verdict, and award. If the court had signed an order nisi, the effect would have been to permit any one who thought himself aggrieved, or the District of Columbia, to come in and again renew their objections to the award, and thus prolong the matter indefinitely.

Counsel for the land owners were exceedingly anxious to avoid this, and the effect of the award signed yesterday is to end the matter, so far as the court is concerned. Nothing remains now to be done except to have the owners' titles examined, and to let them the amount awarded them by the jury.

COMMISSIONERS AIM TO CLEAR TAX BOOKS

Favor Senate Bill to Insure Collection of Arrearages.

Would Furnish an Immediate Source of Revenue If Approved—Card System in Use.

The District Commissioners yesterday forwarded to Senator McMillan, chairman of the Senate District Committee, a report recommending the enactment of Senate bill No. 4986, "To amend an act entitled 'An act to receive arrearages of taxes due the District of Columbia to July 1, 1900, at 6 per cent per annum in lieu of penalties and costs,' approved February 15, 1902."

The amendment makes the act applicable to water main taxes and special improvement assessments of the same period. The Commissioners call attention to the fact that the words "nine hundred" mentioned in the bill are erroneous, and to conform to the date in the law should be "eighteen hundred and ninety-nine."

Index Cards.

"Within the past two years," the Commissioners say, "the water main tax and the special assessment accounts have been brought up to date on index cards, which has enabled the Assessor's office to furnish bills for arrears of taxes with accuracy and expedition, the lack of which, on account of the former condition of tax records, was the cause of a large proportion of the arrearage of taxes and assessments, whose payment it is the object of this bill to further."

The application of the card system to this class of accounts has insured a closer collection of such taxes as they become due in the future. The passage of the enclosed bill will, therefore, to a great extent operate to clear the books of arrears of taxes and assessments which it is now difficult to collect, and thus be an immediate source of increased revenue to the District.

BODY NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

Verdict of Accidental Death in Case of Negro Killed on Crossing.

After hearing all the evidence in the matter, mainly that of the railroad employees, the Coroner's jury yesterday morning returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of the negro who met death under the wheels of a switch engine near the corner of Four-and-a-half Street and Virginia Avenue southwest early Friday morning. A large number of witnesses were examined by Coroner Nevitt, the most of whom were railroad men. All testified to having seen the negro standing on the tracks just before he was struck, and that the gates at the crossing were down.

The dead man has not been identified. Unless the body is claimed by this morning it will be interred in the potter's field.

SENT TO ST. ELIZABETH'S.

Physicians Report Printer Hoover, Who Twice Attempted Suicide, Insane.

Frank Hoover, the printer who made two unsuccessful attempts to commit suicide during the past week and who was confined in a ward at the Emergency Hospital, was yesterday declared insane by Drs. Robbins and Grover and removed to St. Elizabeth Insane Asylum.

HEALTH OFFICE RECORD.

Deaths.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon yesterday:

Elizabeth O. Magruder, 82 years.
William H. Butler, 61 years.
Mary E. McPherson, 48 years.
Agnes Woten, 45 years.
Richard T. Payne, 40 years.
Vincent Trail, 40 years.
Parker Rollins, 32 years.
Joseph Venev, 25 years.
Hattie M. Bohler, 17 years.
Lenney Rucker, 11 years.
Mary E. Bryan, 6 months.
John M. Mitchell, 4 months.
Marguerite Brown, 2 months.
Infant of Frank and Lulu Mulloy, 1 day.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Generally fair tomorrow; warmer tomorrow; light variable winds, becoming southerly.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest temperature, 4 p. m., 60.
Lowest temperature, 5 a. m., 45.

THE SUN AND MOON.

Sun rises, 5:19 A. M. (Sun sets, 6:41 P. M.)
Moon rises, 6:32 A. M. and 6:59 P. M.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide, 12:04 A. M. and 12:50 P. M.
High tide, 6:32 A. M. and 6:59 P. M.

STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today, 7:19 P. M.
Lamps out tomorrow, 4:24 A. M.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m. fall.
Atlantic City, N. J.	46	42	45
Atlanta, Ga.	70	54	66
Bismarck, N. D.	70	40	66
Boston, Mass.	60	40	50
Buffalo, N. Y.	64	50	52
Chicago, Ill.	54	38	38
Cincinnati, Ohio	62	50	60
Cheyenne, Wyo.	74	42	68
Davenport, Iowa	62	40	58
Denver, Col.	82	46	76
Des Moines, Iowa	64	38	60
Galveston, Tex.	76	64	76
Helena, Mont.	58	40	54
Indianapolis, Ind.	66	48	64
Jacksonville, Fla.	74	50	64
Kansas City, Mo.	70	46	65
Little Rock, Ark.	78	60	76
Marquette, Mich.	62	32	54
Memphis, Tenn.	74	58	72
New Orleans, La.	84	58	78
New York, N. Y.	54	42	48
North Platte, Neb.	78	34	76
Omaha, Neb.	68	40	64
Pittsburg, Pa.	62	52	56
Salt Lake City, Utah	76	58	74
St. Louis, Mo.	62	50	60
St. Paul, Minn.	58	32	56
Springfield, Ill.	58	46	56
Victoria, B. C.	80	58	76
Washington, D. C.	60	45	55

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Julius Kaufman and Elizabeth Stallings.
Nicholas D. Murphy and Rosa R. Monro.
Abraham Liebman and Millie Oppenheimer.
Ira E. Knauff and Grace Dermer, both of Baltimore, Md.

SEEK TO ENJOIN THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Floretta J. Laporte Brings Action Against G. Edmonston.

A petition for injunction was filed yesterday in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by Floretta J. Laporte and others, through Attorneys Wilton J. Lambert and D. W. Baker, against Gabriel Edmonston, who is in which the court is asked to restrain the sale of the premises known as 1106 H Street northwest, said to be advertised to take place upon the 24th inst.

The bill alleges that the complainants are three of the heirs-at-law and next of kin of James W. Barker; that the defendant, Gabriel Edmonston, was a son-in-law of deceased, and as such for many years stood in close confidential and business relations with their father; that by reason of such association Mr. Edmonston became the trusted adviser of Mr. Barker, and had charge, to a considerable extent, of his funds; that under arrangements between them, houses 807 and 809 Eleventh Street were taken by the defendant, Edmonston, in his name, under it is alleged, an agreement as to certain interests that Mr. Barker should retain therein, which property is claimed to be worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

It is also claimed that the defendant Edmonston, in like manner took control of the trust upon the house 1106 H Street, which is to be sold for an alleged default. It is claimed that when a full accounting is had by the heirs with Mr. Edmonston, but little, if anything, will be found to be due him from the estate, and it is averred that the heirs should be entitled to the opportunity of adjusting the estate and receiving therefrom such proceeds as might be returnable to the heirs before any part of the property is forced to a sale.

The court is asked to restrain the sale upon the further ground that the advertisement is not sufficient to properly advise the public of the value of the land and improvements.

THE BUSY CORNER . . . S. KANN, SONS & CO . . . MARKET SPACE

....\$25,000 Worth of....

Beautiful, New, Seasonable, and Stylish Dress Goods.

Our own well-bought stock, to be sacrificed to make room for our Wash Goods stock, which is of equal magnitude. We have given this department another week's grace in its present quarters, and for that reason we have made a wonderful sacrifice in prices in order to move as little goods from the shelves as possible. The season is yet in its infancy for Fine Woollens, and for us to make this daring offer is a sacrifice which very few establishments would be willing to make so early in the season.

Several thousand yards of 36-inch All-wool Albatross, in cream, black, and every other desirable shade, which we have marked down from 39c to, per yard,

29c

To remain at this price until sold.

50 pieces of 28-inch All-wool Plain Challie, in cream, steel, reseda, pink, blue, rose, Nile, garnet, and mode, which we have marked down from 39c to, per yard,

25c

To remain at this price until sold.

30 pieces of 38-inch All-wool Homespun in beautiful shades of grays and browns, which we have marked down from 39c to, per yard,

25c

To remain at this price until sold.

15 pieces of 45-inch All-wool Navy Blue Storm Serge, which we have marked down from 49c per yard to

39c

To remain at this price until sold.

16 pieces of 45-inch All-wool Whipcords and Prunella weaves, all shades, which we have marked down from 69c per yard to

49c

To remain at this price until sold.

8 pieces of 44-inch Crystal Crepe, a handsome fabric for summer gowns, in all colors, which we have marked down from 75c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

5 pieces of All-wool Satin Soie, representing a full line of elegant shades, which we have marked down from 98c per yd. to

79c

To remain at this price until sold.

10 pieces of 46-inch All-wool Cable Cord, in all the newest spring colorings, which we have marked down from 98c per yard to

79c

To remain at this price until sold.

15 pieces of 48-inch All-wool Vigoreux Suitings, in a full line of new spring shades, which we have marked down from \$1.00 per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

8 pieces of 45-inch Silk-striped Beige Suitings, which we have marked down from 89c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

10 pieces of All-wool Navy Blue Cheviot, elegant for wear, which we have marked from 75c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

12 pieces of 45-inch All-wool Imported Blue Etamine and Voile, in all the best shades; marked down from \$1 per yard to

98c

To remain at this price until sold.

5 pieces of 56-inch All-wool Crash Suitings, new and stylish; this season marked down from \$1 per yard to

85c

To remain at this price until sold.

3 pieces of 56-inch Jacket Cloth and Venetians, the very thing for tailored gowns or walking suits, marked down from \$1.50 per yard to

\$1.25

To remain at this price until sold.

5 pieces of 36-inch All-wool Black Granite Weave, which we have marked down from 50c per yard to

39c

To remain at this price until sold.

7 pieces of 42-inch All-wool Black Satin Prunella, which we have marked down from 75c per yard to

49c

To remain at this price until sold.

15 pieces of All-wool Nun's Veiling, 38 inches wide, which we have marked down from 50c per yard to

37c

To remain at this price until sold.

6 pieces of 46-inch All-wool Hemstitched Black Etamine, which we have marked down from 98c per yard to

69c

To remain at this price until sold.

9 pieces of 48-inch All-wool Wiretwist Black Storm Serge, marked down from 75c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

13 pieces of 46-inch All-wool Hair-line Striped Cheviot, which we have marked down from 75c per yard to

49c

To remain at this price until sold.

5 pieces of 50-inch All-wool Twine Cord Black Etamine, marked down from \$1.25 per yard to

89c

To remain at this price until sold.

4 pieces of 50-inch All-wool Black Tailor Cheviots, marked down from 75c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

44-inch All-wool Black French Voile, marked down from \$1.50 per yard to

\$1.25

To remain at this price until sold.

4 pieces of 44-inch Black Crystal Crepe Weave, marked down from 75c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

10 pieces of 38-inch Black English Mohair, marked down from 49c per yard to

40c

To remain at this price until sold.

8 pieces of 45-inch All-wool Jacquard Prunella, an exceptionally grand value, which we have marked down to, per yard.

29c

To remain at this price until sold.

7 pieces of 56-inch All-wool Thibet Cloth, plain and chalk-line stripe, for unlined skirts, marked down from \$1.50 per yard to

\$1.19

To remain at this price until sold.

5 pieces of Etamine Mistral, strictly all wool and fast black, marked down from 75c per yard to

59c

To remain at this price until sold.

In addition to this score or more of specialties, we have marked everything else accordingly. This is your harvest whereby you realize the best values ever made to you in this city or any place in the Union.

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Three Wash Goods Specials

Which are equal to a dozen of other kinds which are shown by different stores. It's an expansion of values in a contracted space. It's an offering which will do us as much good as any we have made in this particular line this season.

Embroidered Dot Silk Mousseline—this sheer and web-like fabric is strictly half silk—the embroidered dots are also silk—the grounds are all white, showing the most beautiful and artistic effects in Dresden and floral designs—these goods are worth 50c per yard, which we have marked....

29c

Silk Madras, one of the most desirable wash fabrics of the season, this material has that beautiful sheen which gives it every appearance of silk, and will wash as nicely as a plain bleached muslin—comes in solid colors, as well as neat figures and jacquard effects—shown right here in this city at 50c per yard—our price....

39c

Imported Grenadine, that beautiful open-mesh weave, has that rich tone, which makes up a very swager gown—all the best colorings, as well as a number of black and white effects, are exhibited in this assortment—other stores, 50c—even 60c in some—here, per yard....